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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: LIBERAL PARTY TO OPPOSE TREATIES AS AMENDED

1. ACCORDING TO LIBERAL PARTY PRESIDENT, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PARTY MET APRIL 4 AND UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED TO OPPOSE THE NEUTRALITY TREATY AS AMENDED, RESERVED, CONDITIONED AND UNDERSTOOD. A PUBLIC STATEMENT IS EXPECTED IN THE NEXT 24 HOURS.

2. PARTY PRESIDENT DAVID SAMUDIO TOLD THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR THAT THE DECONCINI RESERVATION (AND, TO A LESSER EXTENT, NUNN) WAS AN AFFRONT TO PANAMANIAN DIGNITY AND WAS THUS UNACCEPTABLE. HE SAID HE BELIEVED THIS WAS A NEAR-UNANIMOUS JUDGMENT OF THE PANAMANIAN PEOPLE. WHEN URGED NOT TO TAKE ANY ACTION WHICH WOULD BE IRREVOCABLE, HE AID THAT THE PARTY WOULD NOT "CLOSE ANY DOORS" TO WHATEVER MAY HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE. HE SAID THAT THE LIBERALS STRONGLY SUPPORT A TREATY, BUT COULD NOT ACCEPT THE PERVERSIONS WHICH WERE ADDED IN THE SENATE. WHEN ADVISED THAT ACTUAL RESCISSION OR REVISION OF DECONCINI WAS UNLIKELY, HE HOPED THAT THE U.S. AND PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENTS WOULD BE ABLE TO WORK OUT SOME
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ARRANGEMENT WHICH WOULD AT LEAST SOFTEN IT AND PERHAPS MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE LIBERALS TO SUPPORT THE TREATIES IN THE FINAL PACKAGE.
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